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Gallaudet Alert service proves effective during inclement weather

Members of the Gallaudet community who awaken to snow or icy conditions are offered a number of means to let them know whether or not they will need to make the commute to campus. One of the newest and most convenient options is the Gallaudet Alert, which sends messages on Gallaudet's status when the area is threatened by foul weather—or in the event of other emergencies—via pager or e-mail.

Actually, Gallaudet Alert is in its second year, said Charles Drawdy, manager of systems and operations in Information Technology Services, but because last year's mild winter was free of storms, and no emergency situations arose, the system was never tested. This winter, however, is a different situation, with two December storms hitting within a week. "The system seems to be working fine," said Drawdy. Many people signed up for the service following the December 5 snowstorm, and now there are about 900 addresses on the server list. He pointed out that because many individuals have the messages sent to more than one source, the actual number of people is less. Drawdy encourages more people to sign up, because

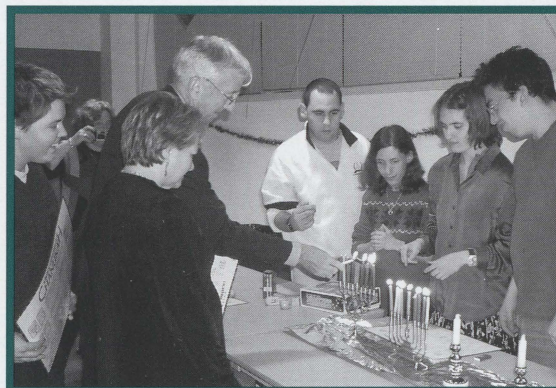
the early alert can save them from setting out needlessly in hazardous conditions, only to find out later that the campus is closed.

The Department of Public Safety is also pleased with the alert system. When asked if the department logged less calls inquiring about the status of the campus after the storms earlier this month, George Rountree, captain/supervisor of customer service, replied, "Absolutely. Normally we'd get call after call after call—voice and TTY. This time we didn't, compared to years past." Rountree said that the morning of the December 5 snow, for example, the department got "30 to 40 percent less calls—maybe more."

To sign up for the service, send a blank e-mail and/or pager message, with nothing in the subject line, to alert-on@gumail.gallaudet.edu. Drawdy cautions that some pagers won't accept blank messages, but this can be corrected by hitting the space bar a few times, or entering any character on the keyboard.

Once a decision is made about a change in Gallaudet's operating schedule, the Department of Public Safety begins the process of com-

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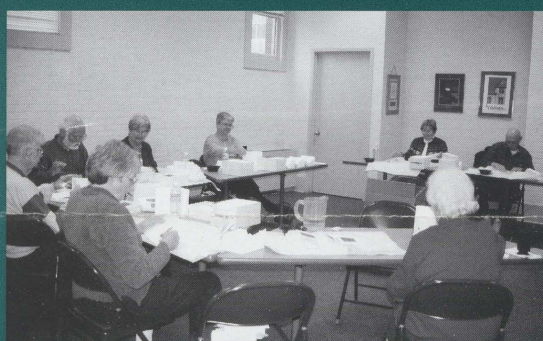
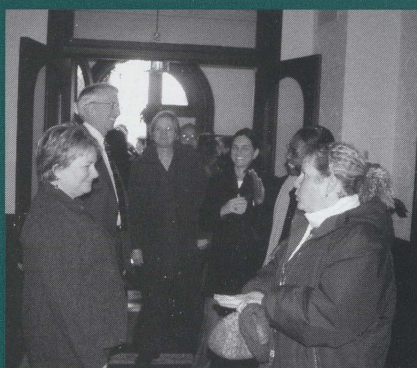


President Jordan and Linda Jordan help light the candles on the menorah at the Jewish Student Association's Chanukah party, held December 6 in the SUB.



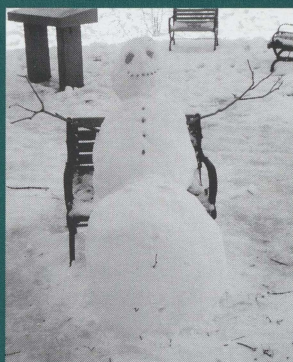
arts and crafts. In the photo, retired professor Peggy Parsons chats with Sarah Bernholtz about her decorations made with festive holiday lights.

Dr. Arlene Blumenthal Kelly talks to Linda Jordan about her holiday plans while other members of the campus community joke with President Jordan during the December 4 Holiday Open House for faculty, staff, and teachers. This year, visitors were given a bag of different types of nuts, symbolizing the holiday of Kwanzaa.



Volunteers gather in 'Ole Jim' to prepare Gallaudet's holiday greeting cards from President Jordan and Linda Jordan for mailing. A total of

about 15 volunteers worked December 2 and 3 to send out 8,500 of this year's cards, which carry a likeness of the painting *See Two Moons*, by Iris Nelia Aranda, a Panamanian artist who currently lives in Wisconsin, and who exhibited her works at Deaf Way II.



A snowman relaxes on a bench in "Flo's Corner," a gathering spot between the Student Union Building and Student Academic Center, named to honor the bequest of Florence R. Foerderer, following the first snowfall of the season on December 5.



CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

KDES teacher by day, Miss Deaf America on weekends

By Susan M. Flanigan

"Teaching four- and five-year-olds takes a lot of energy. They are in constant motion," said new KDES teacher Tyese Wright, who teaches in the integrated kindergarten class where deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children interact to learn sign language and develop friendships. Wright's enthusiasm and talent have been recognized not only in the classroom, but also in her role as the current Miss Deaf America.

Wright's interest in teaching

started early. "I've always wanted to teach. Both my parents are teachers in public schools," she said. The only deaf child in her family, Wright attended KDES and MSSD, and graduated from Gallaudet last year with a degree in elementary education.

Wright's talents outside the classroom have gained her many titles. In recent years she has been recognized by the National Black Deaf Advocate organization, served as Miss Gallaudet, and in 2002 was crowned the 20th Miss Deaf America. For the Miss Deaf America contest, Wright presented

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Football program to compete on club level


By Richard Coco,
Sports Information Director

Gallaudet Athletics Director James DeStefano announced December 6 that beginning with the 2003-2004 athletic year, the Gallaudet football program will no longer compete as an NCAA Division III squad. Instead, the football program at Gallaudet will become a club sport.

The decision was made in the best interests of the University after considering several factors, including NCAA Division III requirements, budget constraints, and the program's overall record of wins and losses. A major factor in the decision was the NCAA rule that requires Division III schools to play at least eight games each year

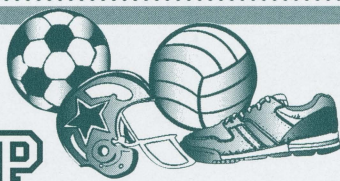
against other Division III institutions. Such a schedule would be difficult for Gallaudet since the Bison have not defeated a Division III school since a win over St. John Fisher College in 1991.

This is the second time in the past 10 years that the Gallaudet football program has taken on club status. Beginning in 1995, the Bison spent five years as a club team before returning to Division III status prior to the 2000 season. During those five years, Gallaudet compiled a 14-30 record. Since returning to a Division III schedule, the Bison are just 3-24 with a 0-8 mark against Division III schools.

The Bison recently completed a 2-7 campaign that featured a pair of wins over Walter Reed Army Medical Center, a club team. 

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SPORTS ROUNDUP



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Men's Basketball:

Gallaudet hosted the Gallaudet Holiday Tournament November 29 and 30, finishing in fourth place, losing both of its games, 77-73 against Maryland Bible College and Seminary, and 81-57 to University of Sciences in Philadelphia. Robert Haney and Jaimie Valencia led the Bison in scoring against University of Sciences with 19 points each. Against Maryland Bible, Haney scored 22 points and had 15 rebounds, and Jeremias Valencia also scored 22 points. Haney was named to the All-Tournament team. The Bison won their home opener November 26 over Villa Julie, 75-66. Jeremias Valencia led Gallaudet with 23 points and Elad Rathe added 14 points and seven rebounds.

The final two games of the semester came against conference foes Catholic University and York College. On December 3, Gallaudet lost a tight game to York, 91-90. Haney led the Bison with 22 points and 10 rebounds, Anton Jackson added 17 points, Rathe scored 16 points and grabbed seven

rebounds, and Jeremias and Jaimie Valencia added 15 points apiece. On December 7 in the final game of the fall semester, they lost to Catholic, 83-47. Jackson led the team in scoring with 14 points, eight rebounds, and five steals, and Haney added 12 points, 12 rebounds, and three blocked shots. The men enter the semester break with a 1-6 record.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team advanced to the championship of the Gallaudet Holiday Tournament November 30 and December 1 with an 85-55 win over Nichols College in the opening game. Kristin Feldman led the way with 16 points and nine rebounds. Eight of the nine Gallaudet players scored in the game, including Kelli Beechy with 16 points, Katie Spiegel with 13, Casey Ellis with 12, and Amy Mowl with 11. Erin Moran added 12 rebounds. In the championship game, Gallaudet lost to the College of Mount St. Joseph's, 75-49. Beechy led Gallaudet in scoring with 13 points. Beechy and

Feldman were named to the All-Tournament team.

On December 3, the women lost to York College, 91-77. Joanna Karmgard had her best game of the season with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Beechy scored 22 points, and Casey Ellis added 10 points and 13 rebounds. On December 7, the women lost to Catholic University, 72-62. Jovin Dinkel led the team with 16 points, and Feldman added 12 points and 13 rebounds.

The team's record was 2-4 at press time.

Swimming

Stephanie Danner was named Gallaudet athlete of the month for November. She has won 10 of 11 individual races, coming in second in the 11th race, and won races in the 500-meter freestyle, 200-meter freestyle, 200-meter individual medley, 200-meter individual backstroke, and 1,000-meter freestyle. Just a sophomore, she already holds nine school records. 

To: *On the Green* readers
From: Aunt Sophie
RE: Recipe for a happy Winter Break

Ingredients

Three cups of weariness
Half cup of I-love-my-job... BUT juice
Three heaping tablespoons of sweet anticipation
Half a pound of time with family and friends
Half a pound of by myself time
Two sticks each of love and laughter, melted
One quart of favorite beverage
Generous dollop of good health
Zest of fun

Pour weariness into a large mixing bowl. Add half-cup of I-love-my-job...BUT juice and an ounce or more of favorite beverage. Mix like crazy until weariness completely dissolves. Gradually add tablespoons of sweet anticipation. Drink immediately.

Thoroughly defrost pound of time with family and friends and pound of by myself time, setting the latter aside. Once family and friends reach room temperature, marinate with equal amounts of favorite beverage and love and laughter. Top with a dollop of good health; sprinkle with zest of fun. No cooking necessary. Serve immediately.


Happy holidays one and all.

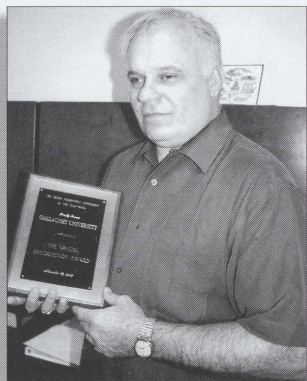
Gallaudet receives MWADB award

The Metropolitan Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind has presented a Special Recognition Award to Gallaudet for all the assistance it has provided to the organization during the year.

The award was presented by MWADB President Betsy Wohl and accepted on behalf of the University by Art Roehrig, academic support counselor in the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services—and a member of MWADB—following the organization's holiday potluck dinner on November 23 in the SUB Multipurpose Room.

"Gallaudet University has been extremely generous to our organization over the years," said Roehrig. "Gallaudet allows us to use the facilities, and interpreters from Gallaudet Interpreting Services often volunteer their services to us." MWADB members meet monthly on campus, and they prefer this location. "It is accessible, conveniently located in D.C.,

and many of our members use the subway system and then ride the Gallaudet shuttle bus," added Roehrig. 




Art Roehrig displays MWADB's award to Gallaudet.

Inclement weather policy

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municating the information to the campus community, first on Gallaudet's web site (found by clicking "News and Events," and "University Status"), then by an announcement on the University's main and weather recording lines (202-651-5000, V/TTY and x5656 TTY) and the Gallaudet Alert service.


The complete text of Gallaudet's inclement weather policy can be found on the web site by locating the "Administration and Operations Manual" on the site index. 

Miss Deaf America

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a dance/poem linking Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise," with the themes of September 11.

As Miss Deaf America, Wright travels on weekends to perform her dance/poem. When she travels as Miss Deaf America, she shares her message of the importance of family involvement in young children's education and encouraging reading. Juggling her roles as teacher and Miss Deaf America can be challenging, but she said she wouldn't want to miss the opportunity to represent the deaf community.

When asked what advice she would give to deaf and hard of hearing students planning for their careers, she said, "I'd tell them that if you believe in yourself, you will succeed. And don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it." 



Jo Anne Simon, Esq., the first disability services director at Gallaudet, opened the first of Gallaudet's Disability Lecture series with the topic, "Past, Present, Future: The Americans with Disabilities Act and Its Impact on Post Secondary Education." Simon's December 4 presentation in Ely Auditorium covered various cases relating to the ADA, issues to consider, and the role of support service providers in working collaboratively with faculty and students to ensure equal access.

Corrections:

The following award was inadvertently omitted from this year's Office of Sponsored Programs' awards recognition article that appeared in the November 22 issue of *On the Green*: Barac-Cikoja, Dragana, GSPP, Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, "Role of Visual and Haptic Feedback in American Sign Language Production," National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders,

06/01/01-05/31/02, \$50,000.

Dr. Katherine A. Jankowski, Clerc Center dean, and Pearl Hawkins, administrative secretary II in the National Mission Planning Office, were incorrectly identified in a service award photo caption in the November 22 *OTG*.

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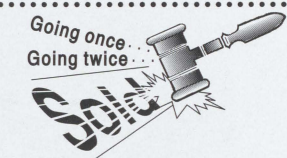
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Gally Facts

- 1) If you were to line up 10 Gallaudet computer technicians, how many of them would be deaf/hard of hearing?
- 2) Did you know that Gallaudet is the third oldest federally-appropriated educational institution in the United States (1858)? What do you think are the first and second?

These statistics about Gallaudet were provided by the Office of Planning.
Answers:
(1) Six. In fact, a recent survey showed that two-thirds of all technical staff at Gallaudet are deaf or hard of hearing.
(2) West Point (1802) and the U.S. Naval Academy (1845).